

The Downfal of William Grismond : Or,
A Lamentable Murder by him committed at Lainterdine, in the County of Hereford,
the 12th. of March, 1650. with his lamentation.
The Tune is, *Where is my Love,*



O Come you wilful Young-men,
and hear what I shall tell,
My name is William Grismond,
at Lainterdine did dwell ;
O there I did a Murder,
as it is known full well :
And for mine offence I must dye.

There was a Neighbours daughter
that lived there hard by,
Whom I had promis'd Marriage,
and with her I did lye :
I did dissemble with her,
my Lust to satistie ;
And for, &c.

I had my pleasure on her,
I had my lewd desire,
The using of her body
was that I did require :
I was a'ze-comie and snar'd
by him that was a Liar,
And for, &c.

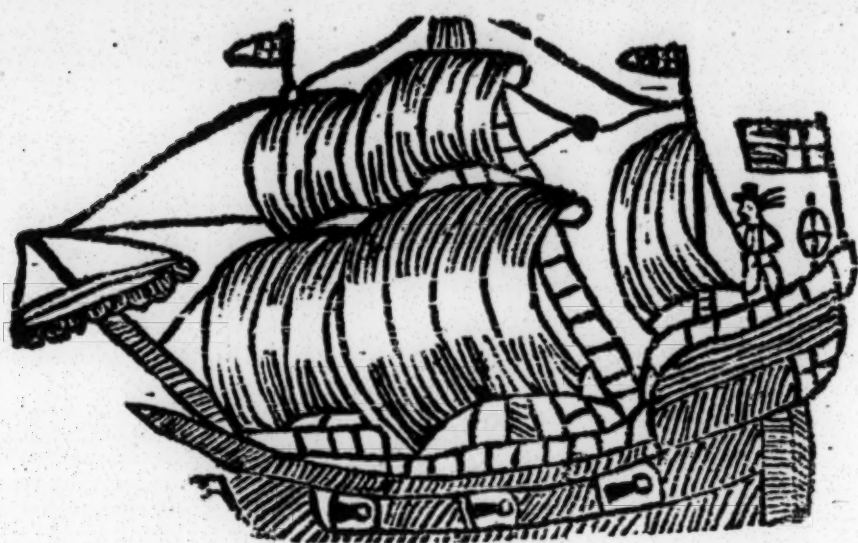
She claimed of me Marriage,
and said she was with child,
Saying, Marry me sweet William
now you have me deall'd :
If you do now forsake me,
I utterly am spoil'd,
And for, &c.

When she had us'd these Speeches,
my anger did arise,
And then to work her overthrow,
I quickly did devise :
What though her words were honest
yet I did them despise,
And for, &c.

O mark how it did happen,
this Housewife being pry,
And I who was my Father's Heir,
her words did urge me sore ;
For I could have another
with Gold and Silver store,
And for, &c.

My Father and my Mother,
I knew would not consent,
If I had married with her,
I knew I should be ment :
Then unto wicked further,
my heart was fully bent :
And for, &c.

In flattering sort I brought her
into a field of Wym,
And when we both together
into the field w^{as} come,
I had my pleasure with her,
and then I was her down :
And for, &c.



Then in the Broom I kill'd her,
with my accursed knife,
There hatefully I kill'd her,
who lov'd me as her life;
I cut her throat, I kill'd her,
who should have been my wife:
And for, &c.

Three days she lay there murdered,
before that she was found,
But when the Neighbours searching
within that broomy ground,
Did find her there uncovered,
and with a bloody wound,
And for, &c.

The neighbours having found her,
where I did do this deed,
There in the broom they found her,
where I her blood did shed:
But when I did perceive that,
I ran away with speed;
And for, &c.

No sooner had they found her,
but away I did go,
And thought to go to Ireland,
the very truth is so:
But God he would not suffer me,
to run my Country through,
And for, &c.

Yet was I got on Ship-board,
as you may understand,
But then the Ship was troubled,
I must go back to Land:
I could not get away so,

with guilty heart and hand;
And for, &c.

There is some wicked person
the Ship-men they did say,
Within the Ship we know it,
that cannot pass away:
We must return to Land here,
and make no more delay,
And for, &c.

Then near unto Westchester,
I taken was at last,
And then in Chester Prison
I suddenly was cast:
From thence brought unto Heriford
to answer what is past;
And for, &c.

But then my loving Father
his Gold he did not spare,
To save me from the Gallows,
he had of me great care:
But it would not be granted,
the Gallows was my share;
And for, &c.

My fault it was so hainous,
it would not granted be,
I must for an Example
hang on the Gallows tree:
God grant that I a warning
for all young-men may be,
And for, &c.

O my dear loving Father,
he was to me most kind,
He brought me up most costly,

so was his tender mind:
But I indeed to lewdness
was too too much inclin'd:
And, &c.

He brought me up in learning,
his love was to me still,
He thought it all too little,
he did bestow on Will.
But when he lookt for comfort,
his heart I then did kill,
And, &c.

I might have had a Marriage
my Father to content,
And that my loving Mother
would give her heart's consent:
But I have took such courses,
both make us all Repent:
And for, &c.

Now young men take warning,
you see my fault is great,
I call to God for mercy,
God's grace do you intreat:
I might have lived happily,
and had a gallant seat:
And for, &c.

O Lord I now crave pardon,
with a relenting heart,
I know my sins are hainous,
I'm very sorry for't:
Alas, I have described
a very hard report:
And for my offence I must dye.

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